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OXFORD,

VVherein is discovered Prince *Ruperts* Policy in Warre, his present Designes, and instructions to his Souldiers, as also a remarkeable token of Gods late vengeance upon them, &c.

The wicked have digged a Pit, but are fallen into it themselves, they are caught in the snares they invented for the destruction of others.

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Prince Ruperts Pollicy in

WARRE

IF it be necessary to have wit and policy in martiall actions and discipline, for the safer keeping of heroicall atchievements, and the use thereof, so diligently pursued and agitated by the adversaries to publicke prosperity, that ought to be preserved and maintained by every good Pillar and Patriot of his Country. How much more then behoveth it them that are so well affected to piety, and the tranquillity of their Country and Common-weale wherein they live, and whereof they are Members, to be as vigilant and carefull of attaining so much wisdome and politicke understanding, as may be sufficient to discover, repell, and destroy the cunning practises of their Enemies.

It is therefore necessary to consider this Prince his policy and proceedings since his unhappy arrivall in this Kingdome, that if any thing thereof may be advantagious to the good party, the same may be used against the devisers thereof, and that which is unwarrantable and unprofitable, may be rejected and eschewed.

1. It is commonly reported, that the Prince in his pollicy will not fight any set Battle but upon extraordinary advantage, both in the number of his Horse and Men, Ammunition, and provision, conveniency of ground, advantage of wind, and the like, for the first part of this policy, if the good party should follow the like, then would there be no victory obtained worth memory, but as the contrary part doth, nothing but pillage, rob, and spoile their Brethren, and so make destruction the sole aime of their taking up Armes, which is farre from the publike intention. The latter part of this policy is to be considered as profitable, to wit, ordinary advantages of ground and the like, but

ſes he can make to ſerve for the advantage of his ſervants.

The ſecond meanes politicall uſed by the Malignants, is their invention of inſtruments of warre, which may beſt ſerve to execute their Deſignes, this policy is neceſſary for the other party to know, and be experienced in the uſe and exerciſe thereof, by which the adverſary may be taken with his owne weapons, and caught by the works of his own imaginations, by which alſo they may perceive their owne inventions are juſtly by God turned to their own confuſion, and make the ſame ſervigeable for the profit and advantage of his ſervants both for the preſent, and for the time to come, that the world may know, no counſell nor action can prevaile againſt God.

The next is, that the malignants have a policy not to fight, but to get plunder, nothing but the deſolation of the whole Kingdome, which is by devouring and burning the Corn, Hay, and other proviſions of the Country, by which the ſame is fed and ſuſtained, and by the conſuming thereof make it unprofitable for any uſe, which policy is inhumane, and hath all excuſed themſelves if they ſhould obtaine the victory, (which God forbid) for by the ſame the Kingdome muſt needs be impoveriſhed, that a ſcarcity and dearth muſt of neceſſity follow, and conſeyently Famine and Peſtilence, thereby expoſing the Kingdome to the mallice of Forraine Nations, Enemies thereof, and to at this time appeare and aſſiſt his Majeſty, if their forces could be admitted entrance into the Land, onely thereby the better to accompliſh their intended deſignes againſt the ſame, this policy if it ſhould be purſued by the good party, would likewiſe bring confuſion upon this Nation in the like kind, and therefore to be as much as with ſafety may, be prevented and avoided.

Prince Rupert hath many politicall counſels towards his Army, and the manner of their march throughout the whole Kingdome, that is to ſay.

That it ſhall be lawfull according to their Councels of war upon all occaſions to make excurſions from their Quarters into the country, and pillage, rob and ſpoile the habitants thereof, whether they ſhew themſelves for or againſt them, in which actions they ſhew par-

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3 That what spoiles shalbe taken from their contrary-party shalbe free booty for the [illegible]

4 What horses or Ammunition are taken from their opposites, they allow a publike place of Mart for the sale of the same again to the good party at reasonable values, which when they have so done, they send out scouts and private stronge parties to take the same from them again, by which they possesse themselves both of the goods and money too, and this they may lawfully do by their *Lex talionis* as often as occasion offers it self, and any will buy of them.

5 That it shalbe legall for any of their Officers, or common soldiers (when they want pay, and cannot conveniently subsist, or no village is left for them to prey upon) to issue out of their Quarters in particular, each man that will, adventure himself to persecute Gentlemens houses, and if they perceive them to be affected to the Parliament, then have they a Ticket or counterfeit from his Excellency the Earl of *Essex*, or some other Officer of note in his Army, and that he is going to such a place to serve such a Commander for the Parliament,

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opportunity serves, they may the better pillage the one, and [illegible] in the other.

By this which hath been obserued, some part of Prince Ruperts State-policy may be discerned and perceived, that every sober reason may judge what a government will be in this Kingdome, if he and his party prevaile, not only Civill and Politicall but Diabolicall, therefore it is more then necessary [illegible] for the country party to be well experienced in the plots and practises of their adversaries, although not by them to be executed and imitated, but by their knowledge thereof, be the better armed with wisdome and magnanimity, to prevent their designes, bring to nought their devises, and also defend themselves from their malitious fury, and in vehement hearts to piety and vertue, which God grant may be accomplished in his good time.

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Felo de Se:

Or an Item for Machiavillians, upon Prince ROBERTS invention of the Pol-axe.

THe inventions of malignant spirits have bin much busied to bring to confusion the oppoſers of their practises, which the Divell working in them, and they by his divellish instigation perceiving, endeavours through the inveterate hate he beares to piety, by outward force to effect that, which by Gods providence was prevented in his private practises, and to bring to passe this publike endeavour the wits of his instruments are set on worke, onely to agitate and actuate Engines of cruelty, that may with more speed perfect[illegible]

and of little profit to the executioners thereof. It is apparent that his best Acts atchieved have been by policy, detogating from piety, and cannot be of long continuance without divine permission, for the counsell of the wicked shall fall, and in their own craftinesse shall they be taken, doubtlesse the sinnes of this Nation hath deserved punishment and by the sword of Justice the actors of impiety must be cut off, and the Land purged; the innocent blood formerly spilt must be revenged, and Gods true Religion vindicated from impurity, before an end of these miseries can be expected, which God of his infinite mercy in his good time grant.

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